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SECURITY AWARENESS

The Coast Guard Captain of the Port, in response to the recent terrorist attacks on America, is requesting your assistance in assuring the safety and security of our Marine Transportation System. It is the responsibility of every vessel and waterfront facility owner/operator to take necessary measures to identify and minimize potential vulnerabilities. Appropriate measures should remain in effect until further notice.

Stakeholders are encouraged to follow guidelines set forth by the Passenger Vessel Association.

Examples of general security measures include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing security presence at terminals.
- Evaluating pre-boarding procedures (including positive photo identification of passengers, baggage inspection and maintaining a list of people arriving/departing).
- Searching vessels/terminals for unattended baggage and minimizing allowable carry-on baggage.
- Locking vessels when not attended.
- Closely scrutinizing late-arriving passengers with no reservations.
- Using hand-held metal detectors to screen passengers.
- Increasing surveillance of parking areas.
- Developing a ready list of emergency and law enforcement contact telephone numbers.
- Immediately reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement agencies.

Please refer to the Passenger Vessel Association website for additional security information.

<http://www.passengervessel.com/>

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